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FEBRUARY 2-3 SCIENCE MEETING

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SUMMARY: ON JANUARY 9 SCIENCE DIVISION SECRETARIAT CON-
VENED MEETING OF DELEGATION SCIENCE OFFICERS TO PREPARE
FOR FEBRUARY 2-3 SCIENCE COMMITTEE MEETING AT NATO HQS.
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEETING WERE DISCUSSION OF 20TH ANNIVER-
SARY COMMEMORATION AND MARITIME REMOTE SENSING ITEMS ON
AGENDA. FOLLOWING COMMENTS ARE KEYED TO AGENDA PROVIDED IN
REFTEL. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE. END SUMMARY.

1. ITEM II: ANNUAL REPORT ON DEFENCE RESEARCH GROUP
ACTIVITIES.

GENERAL NASLIN WILL PROBABLY CONCENTRATE ON TWO POINTS--
PANEL III INTEREST IN THE REMOTE SENSING PROJECT (SEE
AGENDA ITEM X) AND PANEL I ACTIVITIES COVERED IN PAGES 3-5
OF AC/137-D/641.

2. ITEM III: SCIENCE COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE COUNCIL.
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SIR SAM EDWARDS (UK) IS EXPECTED TO CIRCULATE AT MEETING
OUTLINE OF REPORT ON THE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM AND REQUEST
COMMITTEE COMMENTS.

3. ITEM IV: 20TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION CONFERENCE.

A. DR. HEMILY WILL REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF THE SCIENCE DIVISION STAFF'S DISCUSSION WITH FORMER NATO AMBASSADORS CLEVELAND AND DEROSE ON JANUARY 12 REGARDING THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE LAST SESSION OF THE COMMEMORATIVE CONFERENCE. HEMILY REQUESTS THAT COMMITTEE MEMBERS PROVIDE HIM WITH IDEAS AND COMMENTS WHICH HE CAN PASS TO AMBASSADORS FOR THEIR USE IN DISCUSSING TOPIC: "IMPLICATIONS OF THE INTER-ACTIONS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH SOCIETAL CONCERNS IN ALLIANCE NATIONS".

B. SIR SAM EDWARDS, WHO IS ALSO SPEAKING ON THE LAST DAY WOULD APPRECIATE FROM MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE IDEAS THAT HE SHOULD DEVELOP IN HIS PRESENTATION: "THE IMPLICATIONS TO THE FUTURE NATO SCIENCE PROGRAM". US REP SHOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS HIS IDEAS DURING GENERAL COMMITTEE DEBATE OR WITH SIR SAM PRIVATELY.

C. AFTER THE COMMEMORATIVE CONFERENCE ENDS ON APRIL 13, THE SCIENCE COMMITTEE WILL MEET IN SPECIAL SESSION TO PREPARE GUIDELINES FOR A REPORT TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL AND TO CONSIDER ISSUING A PUBLIC POLICY STATEMENT ON NATO AND SCIENCE. AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING THE COMMITTEE WILL GIVE PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATION TO THE VALUE OF MAKING SUCH A STATEMENT.

D. BIO-DATA ON ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE COMMEMORATIVE CONFERENCE WAS ATTACHED TO AC/137-D/654. SCIENCE DIVISION REQUESTS THAT THESE BE REVIEWED AND, IF NECESSARY, THAT REVISIONS OR CORRECTIONS BE SUBMITTED.

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4. ITEM V: FUNDING OF THE SCIENCE PROGRAMMES IN 1978. THE SCIENCE COMMITTEE BUDGET FOR 1978 IS BELGIAN FRANCS 340 MILLION. THE COMMITTEE WILL BE ASKED TO APPROVE OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE CREDITS ALONG THE SAME LINES AS LAST YEAR.

5. ITEMS VI THRU IX CONTAIN REGULAR REVIEWS ON INDIVIDUAL SCIENCE COMMITTEE PROGRAMS AS WELL AS SPECIAL BACKGROUND REPORTS WHICH WILL BE DISTRIBUTED IN A SINGLE BROCHURE AT THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE.

A) DR. BAYRAKTAR OF THE SCIENCE DIVISION NOTED THAT 1) RE ITEM IX(D), PARA 9 OF AC/137-D/653 RECOMMENDS A SPECIAL JOINT PROGRAM FOR AWARDED FELLOWSHIPS FOR RESEARCH INVOLVING ECO-SCIENCES AND SYSTEMS SCIENCES; 2) REGARDING AGENDA ITEM IX(E), THE HUMAN FACTORS PANEL WAS UNDER GREAT PRESSURE TO SUPPORT MORE RESEARCH PROJECTS AND REQUESTED INCREASED FUNDING IN FUTURE YEARS.

B) REGARDING AGENDA ITEM IX(F), DR. HEMILY NOTED THAT TWO ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE MATERIALS SCIENCE PANEL MUST BE SELECTED. THE PANEL HAS SUGGESTED THAT AT LEAST ONE MEMBER BE FAMILIAR WITH TECHNOLOGICAL FORECASTING, AND DR. HEMILY RECOMMENDED FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO THE ITALIAN CANDIDATE, DR. LANZAVECCHIA, AN EXPERT IN THIS FIELD WHO

HAD WORKED WITH A COMMITTEE PANEL IN THE PAST.

6. ITEM X: MARITIME REMOTE SENSING.

AS A RESULT OF THE DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE LAST SCIENCE COMMITTEE MEETING, A SPECIAL WORKSHOP SPONSORED BY THE AIR/SEA INTERACTION PANEL, WAS HELD IN HAMBURG, FRG, IN MID-DECEMBER, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF DR. HASSELMANN. DR. DILULLO OF THE SCIENCE DIVISION INDICATED THAT AS A RESULT OF THE WORKSHOP, THE 1979 EXPERIMENT IS BETTER DEFINED AND OPEN TO GREATER INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION.

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DURING THE WORKSHOP, HOWEVER, IT WAS EVIDENT THAT THE SCIENCE COMMITTEE WOULD ENCOUNTER PROBLEMS IF IT UNDERTOOK TO COORDINATE INTERNATIONAL REMOTE SENSING ACTIVITIES AND WOULD OVERLAP WITH OTHER AGENCIES WORKING IN THIS AREA. AFTER THE COMMITTEE CONSIDERS THE ASYG'S LETTER AND REPORT ON THE WORKSHOP (WHICH WILL SOON BE ISSUED), IT MAY WISH TO INSTRUCT THE SCIENCE COMMITTEE PANELS TO TAKE AN INTEREST IN REMOTE SENSING ACTIVITIES AND TO WATCH DEVELOPMENTS IN THE REMOTE SENSING FIELD FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION. IN GENERAL, THOUGH, THE SCIENCE DIVISION FAVORS A MORE LIMITED ROLE IN THE REMOTE SENSING FIELD FOR THE SCIENCE COMMITTEE THAN HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED.

7. ITEM XI: ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

A. ASYG OZDAS WILL ASK COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO VOLUNTEER TO ATTEND SPECIAL PROGRAM PANEL MEETINGS DURING 1978 AND REPORT TO THE SCIENCE COMMITTEE. HE FEELS THAT THIS IS MOST IMPORTANT FOR THE PANELS AND THE COMMITTEE. IF NO

VOLUNTEERS COME FORWARD, HE IS LIKELY TO PRESS INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS TO ATTEND.

B. THE TURKISH AUTHORITIES HAVE SUGGESTED THAT THE SCIENCE COMMITTEE MEETING IN ISTANBUL, PRESENTLY SCHEDULED FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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MAY 29, BE POSTPONED TO JUNE 12-14, 1978 IN ORDER TO AVOID CONFLICT WITH THE MAY 3031 NATO SUMMIT IN WASHINGTON.

8. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE FOR FEBRUARY 2-3 SCIENCE COMMITTEE MEETING. GLITMAN

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